

# Environmental Health Officers

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## Notes from the Specialty Leader

### Greetings Shipmates,

- Looking ahead to a successful year.
- Anniversary of September 11, a day of reflection.
- New job transition, new specialty leader.
- Career Matters Don't hesitate to contact me.

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I hope all of you have had a good summer and are now looking ahead to a successful year. I had started writing this on the eve of the first anniversary of the Sept 11 tragedy. I hope that each of you have had an opportunity to reflect on that "Day" and the tremendous impact the events of Sept 11, have had on all of us. I had hoped to communicate with all of you long before now, but unfortunately was not able to do so. My transition into my new job here at the Navy Environmental Health Center in June along with taking over the Specialty Leader duties from CAPT Novak on 1 July together with trying to sneak in a little summer leave to spend time with my family, have all kept my schedule

extremely hectic. My desire is to communicate with you collectively, via this newsletter on a quarterly basis. I will continue to communicate with you via email or by phone individually or collectively as a group, as various issues develop. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have career related questions or just to let me know how you are doing. LT Suraj and I will try to keep you abreast of current events and issues. We plan to use this medium as an avenue to launch technical, community specific, and career related information. Please provide feedback to us on issues, events or topics that you feel are "news worthy" and should be passed to the community. And finally, I'd like to offer



Notes from the SL

many thanks to Capt Novak for her assistance in bringing me up to speed as your SL and more importantly for making such a huge positive difference in the state of our community.

Keep yourself engaged!!  
You are the Navy's Force Health multiplier!

Very Respectfully,

Mike Henderson  
CDR, MSC, USN

## Congratulations to our CDR and LCDR Selects



CDR(S) Dexter Hardy  
LCDR(S) Gerald Kaforski

LCDR(S) Jim Herbst  
LCDR(S) Rohini Suraj



Their selection for promotion is truly a reflection of their many outstanding con-

tributions as well as their respective abilities to step up and "lead" at the next pay grade!

## Welcome New EHOs



It's not just a job it's  
an adventure

LTJG Kevin Bailey  
LTJG Lori Christensen  
LTJG Brian Long  
LTJG Matthew Mercer  
LTJG Lisa Wohlford  
LTJG Robert Comeau

BMC Key West  
NEPMU 5  
NAVHOSP Charleston  
NEPMU 2  
NAVHOSP Sigonella  
NAVHOSP Okinawa

I would like to welcome each of you into our community and wish you success as you embark on your Naval career. The old recruiting slogan of "It's not just a job it's an adventure" is still true and I hope that all of you will find your time rewarding.

I would also ask that the rest of the EHO community reach out and welcome these new officers, offering your support, mentorship, and assistance.

*"Sometimes it takes  
months to get  
corrections or missing  
documents..."*

### Career Management 101 Reminder

Each of you should be reviewing your Performance Summary Record, Officer Data Card, and Microfiche on an annual basis. Please don't wait until 6 months before you are up for a Selection board to start looking at your record. Sometimes it takes months to get corrections or

missing documents into your record. If you need any assistance with your record don't hesitate to contact our detailer, LCDR Lynn Wheeler. Her contact information is provided on the EHO web page at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/special/eho/ehodetailer.htm>. She will

point you in the right direction! Your PSR and ODC can be directly from the Navy personnel Command Center for Career Development secure web site at [www.staynavy.navy.mil](http://www.staynavy.navy.mil). You will still need to order a hard copy of your fiche from BUPERS.

### EA position for 00MSC - A great opportunity!

Candidates for the EA position for 00MSC (RADM (S) Brannman) are now being sought for rotation in the summer of 2003. RADM (S) Brannman has requested that the job be advertised to all specialties for qualified/interested candidates. Candidates should be senior LTs or junior

LCDRs with good management skills and an excellent record. Our detailer LCDR Wheeler would be glad to discuss the position with any interested candidates. She can be reached at COMM (901) 874-4115 DSN 882-4115.

## DUINS Call For FY 04

There are 16 EHOs transferring in FY 04 who currently do not have a Masters degree either in Public Health or Environmental Health.

Please don't continue to let these opportunities slip by. **I need to hear from the EHOs transferring in FY 04 of your intentions to apply for DUINS by 27 Sept.**

The EHO training billets for FY 04 must be validated by 30 SEP 02.

The FY 03 DUINS Selection list was released on 20 Sep 02 and we had no EHO selections.



## New President of USEHA

During the June 2002 Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) in Minneapolis, LCDR Randy Johnson was elected to assume the office of President for the Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association (USEHA). Many thanks to CAPT JT Coyne for

his leadership as the out-going President. USEHA is one of the largest affiliates within NEHA. As a voting member of NEHA's Executive Council, USEHA has direct influence on the direction of the organization as it engages in environmental health policy development on a national level. One of the past presi-

dents of USEHA also used this position to launch himself into office as a regional VP and eventually into office as President of NEHA. Exerting your influence and leadership in your professional organization is also something that has always been strongly encouraged by the Director of the Medical Service Corps.

*"Many thanks also go out to CAPT JT Coyne for his leadership as the out-going President."*

## REHS/RS Credential

I have recently asked LT Suraj to survey the community to find out how many of you have had an opportunity to acquire the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) credential through

NEHA or through an individual state governing body. The REHS/RS is the most comprehensive nationally recognized credential for the competencies and knowledge needed to practice in the field of environmental health.

The survey will help us gauge where we are as well as identify what strategies we may need to develop to assist community members in obtaining this credential

*the most comprehensive nationally recognized credential*





*They are your advocates for addressing community issues*

## NEHB Minutes Released

By now, all of you should have seen the minutes of the most recent Navy Environmental Health Board meeting. I hope you have taken time to read them to keep abreast of the issues the board is addressing. If you have any questions please contact one of the board members. They are your advocates for addressing community issues that have a direct impact on how we are practicing the profession of environmental health in the Navy. The minutes can be obtained at: <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/eh/nehbmin.htm>.

## Environmental Health Officers Roster

Attached is a copy of the current EHO roster. Please help us keep this updated with your current and correct information. The roster will be published quarterly in this newsletter. Make sure that your Projected Rotation Date (PRD) is accurate. That will greatly assist your shipmates

as they use the roster for planning their potential moves. The Next Potential Duty Station (NPDS) block will be blank until you are within 12 months of your PRD. Remember that the P in NPDS is for potential and not promised. The detailee and I will make every effort to get you

where we mutually plan, but sometimes adjustments have to be made to meet the needs of the Navy and Marine Corps team we support! We have to remember to stay flexible if we want to seize those "pop-up" opportunities to excel!

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## Useful Web Sites

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| EHO Web Page:                   | <a href="http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/special/eho/ehoinde.htm">http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/special/eho/ehoinde.htm</a>   |
| PM/EHO Forum:                   | <a href="http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/eh/ehoforum.htm">http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/eh/ehoforum.htm</a>   |
| BUMED DIRECTIVES:               | <a href="http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/instructions/external/external.htm">http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/instructions/external/external.htm</a>                         |
| NAVPER (BUPERS) DIRECTIVES:     | <a href="https://buperscd.technology.navy.mil/bup_updt/508/INSTRUCTIONS/InstructMenu.htm">https://buperscd.technology.navy.mil/bup_updt/508/INSTRUCTIONS/InstructMenu.htm</a> |
| NAVY (SECNAV/OPNAV) Directives: | <a href="http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/">http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/</a>   |